

## CLAIMS

1. An agent for treating diabetes with sulfonylurea secondary failure which comprises a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor.

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2. The agent according to Claim 1 wherein the sulfonylurea secondary failure is ascribable to a sulfonylurea compound.

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3. The agent according to Claim 1 wherein the sulfonylurea secondary failure is ascribable to a fast-acting insulin secretagogue.

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4. Use of a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor for manufacture of an agent for treating diabetes with sulfonylurea secondary failure.

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5. A method of treating diabetes with sulfonylurea secondary failure in a mammal which comprises administering an effective amount of a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor to the mammal.

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6. An insulin secretagogue for diabetic patients with sulfonylurea secondary failure which comprises a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor.

7. Use of a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor for manufacture of an insulin secretagogue for diabetic patients with sulfonylurea secondary failure.

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8. A method of promoting insulin secretion in a diabetic patient with sulfonylurea secondary failure which comprises administering an effective amount of a dipeptidyl peptidase IV inhibitor to the patient.

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